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We Will Work Today



We will work and pray in the fields today,
Much grain is falling to the ground;
From the Master's work we will never shirk,
But faithful, Lord, shall we be found.

We will seek the lost in the paths of sin,
We'll tell them of the Saviour's love;
And with joyful hearts we will bring them in,
And point them to that Home above.

There will be glad joy when the lost come home;
And lay their sinful burdens down;
And decide in sin never more to roam,
But strive to win a starry crown.

Let us faithful be 'til our work is done,
Though Satan's host may gather 'round;
At the Lord's right hand will the faithful stand
And hear that blessed word, "Well done."

Then by heaven's grace we'll behold the face
Of the Lord who brought salvation down,
Then with joyful hearts we will sing His praise
As we receive that never-fading crown.

—Ulysses Phillips

Sold Thyself to Work Evil



Ahab wanted the vineyard of Naboth. Because he would not sell it to him, Ahab pouted. He laid upon the bed and turned his face to the wall, refusing to eat. When Jezebel, his wife, heard about it she, through having false witnesses set up against Naboth, had him stoned to death. She then told Ahab to go and take the vineyard. As Ahab was walking up and down in the vineyard, he met the prophet Elijah. As soon as he saw the prophet his conscience smote him hard and he said, "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?"

When God finds people, their sins loom up in front of them. Because of their sins they hate the light of

God. Ahab knew that God talked to the prophet and therefore he called him his enemy. Elijah answered him and said, "I have found thee because thou has sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord." Therefore, Ahab was punished.

Dear reader, could it be true that you have "sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord?" Maybe you are asking the question, "Sold myself to work evil in the sight of the Lord? How can I do that?" As you look back over the evil deeds that you have committed, you may think that it just came about that way; that it was the best thing to do at the moment. Yes, but didn't it cost you? Maybe some of your evil deeds are still covered up, but at the Judgment day it will cost the eternal loss of your immortal soul. It has cost you some problems, tears and remorse here in this life. You didn't intend to do the big evil deed, but the devil, whom you are serving, is a cunning spirit. Little by little he leads you along. The thief doesn't go out and rob a bank the first time he steals. There are a lot of little thefts before that. The murderer doesn't commit murder at first, but there are hatred, anger, and many things leading up to it. The adulterer or fornicator doesn't commit the act at first, but there are the reading of filthy stories, looking at nakedness in pictures, telling of filthy jokes, lusting after the opposite sex, entertaining of evil thoughts, etc. before the sin is committed. In all of these little things you are selling out to the devil. And your deeds make others know that you have "sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord." Notice, it is in the "sight of the Lord." It is not covered up. A record is kept of those evil deeds. Unless you come to the Lord, repenting of your sins before the Judgment, they will meet you in that day and you will be cast into torment where there will be no end.

Souls, you need to wake up as the Apostle Paul did. He recognized the fact that he had done evil in the sight of the Lord. He turned away from his sins and the power of the devil. He did not want to do evil, but he said, "For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." He had to obey his master, the devil. He had sold out to him.

But he wanted deliverance. He cried out, "I am carnal, sold under sin, O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" He cried for help from God, the One who can deliver a soul from the clutches of the devil, to whom they have sold themselves.

When the Apostle Paul found deliverance, he said with a deep thanksgiving in his heart and a peace that flowed deeper than a river in his soul, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." He found deliverance. (Rom. 7:14, 19, 24, 25)

Jesus conquered the devil and broke his power over mankind when He arose from the grave, after dying on the cross and taking our punishment. Today He is our Saviour and we can look to Him and be delivered from sin and the devil.

Dear reader, if you have not found that deliverance, please cry unto the Lord in repentance today.

—Sis. Marie Miles

Whom Can We Blame?

My heart has been burdened since I read a tract telling of a young girl's tragedy as she was facing death. Her ungodly parents had no concern about the future. As the girl was nearing the brink of eternity she said to her mother, "Very soon I shall be gone from this world, with all its hollow pleasures into which you led me, and to me it is dark and all unknown . . . Mother, take my jewels and bury them with me; let my name and memory be forgotten, for I know my soul is lost . . . Yes, I am going, going into a never-ending eternity and you have been the means of my destruction!"

Young people, think about this very sad situation! Think of how this girl knew her lost estate. She knew that she was dying and had no hope of meeting the Lord in peace—how sad! The girl had no one to whom to turn. She found no comfort in turning to her parents, for their hearts were set on the treasures of this life. What a feeling of despair it must be to know that there's no hope for your soul!

Dear young people, let us benefit from learning of this poor girl's experience! No doubt she had many of the pleasures we've dreamed of, but look at what it cost her. No pleasures in this world are worth the losing of our souls.

What about us who have saved parents that have taught us the truth? What about us who have had sickness healed and problems worked out by the faithful prayers of our parents? Think about the times we were deep in sin and God's love and mercy did not fail us, because our parents continually plead our cases to the Lord. Where do we stand? Whom can we blame? What is our excuse for living a sinful life? What is our excuse for having an up and down Christian experience? What excuse do we have for not living as close to God as we should? Can we say that we have an excuse that will stand in the judgment? We can't blame our parents if we let pleasures of the world win our souls.

It's true that we have many temptations around us, but if we'll follow the Guide that's been set before us, Satan's pressures and temptations won't be able to conquer our souls. Our heavenly Father has promised not to let any thing come upon us that we're unable to bear. Let us stand on that promise and press harder than ever before to make heaven our eternal home.

—Segatha Douglas

A Revelation

By Bro. G. E. Harmon

I have had a wonderful experience, a revelation from heaven last Tuesday night, January 4, 1927.

I went to bed feeling as well as ever, only a little tired. I will tell this part as my faithful wife told me. About 2:30 a. m. my wife heard me make some kind of noise. She put her hand on me and tried to awake me, then she jumped out of bed, put on the light and saw me with my head thrown back, my eyes rolled back in my head. She commenced to call me, then to call on God. I gasped once, and was gone for about an hour it seemed. I heard my wife say, "Papa, Papa," a long distance away. The next thing I knew I was sitting at the feet of Jesus, away up somewhere. It was paradise to me. I listened to the sweet messages He seemed to pour into my soul, rather than speak them. I sat with a holy awe while there in His august presence, with a halo of glory shining all around. Words are inadequate to express it. The hand of the trained artist could not paint it, my pen fails to trace it. I will just submit it in my own crude way. It was glorious and I was happy. He told me to continue to preach it as I had been, only with more earnestness, power, and authority. First, He gave me a message to all my children that they must live this pure gospel that I was preaching, and not be ashamed, and to my youngest son, "he must preach this gospel or lose his salvation." Then to one of my sons-in-law, "he is a good-hearted man but he lacks the necessary thing; he must believe in me or be lost." Then to my youngest daughter and her husband, "Tell them they must believe what you preach, get saved, or be lost." And last but not least, a general message to all the dear saints everywhere—"Live this pure gospel. It is not enough to preach it, we must lift up Christ in our lives, in our chaste conversation, in humility, in pureness, in plainness, (For the Lord knoweth the proud from afar off) in kindness, in trueness, without respect of persons, without compromise with the world. We cannot draw the color line; we cannot put on that which we put off to get saved; have fervent charity for each other."

My dearly beloved brethren in the Lord: I have written that which Jesus dictated to me while sitting at His feet, whether in the body or out of the body, Jesus knows. I only know this: I was with Him. Another thought which seems to be pressed so heavily upon my heart: We have just a little while to labor for Him. God wants a general revival in the hearts of all His saints, more power, more love, more of Christ in our lives. Remember the Church at Ephesus, Rev. 2. They had lost their first love, had become legalistic, formal, proud, the parasite fastened itself upon the body, had eaten away the very life and energy; no more spirituality, no more secret prayer with fasting, no more travailing with tears of anguish for the lost, no more positive testimonies of being saved and sanctified by a definite second work of grace, no more instantaneous healing—in fact, nothing positive remains, nothing but the nega-

tive, just an empty shell. They had lost their first love. They were not hypocrites, they were holding to the letter, they labored for it, they had patience, they hated every evil work, they were faithful as far as works—yes, they tried some who claimed to be apostles by the Word of God, proved them to be liars, and yet Jesus said, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, repent and do the first works." He did not say, do your second works, or renew your covenant, get closer to the Lord, get sanctified. No! No! Repentance—and the blood was the only remedy. They were standing on the very trap-door of hell.

In conclusion: While sitting at the feet of Jesus and after He was through giving me the message, I felt a drawing back to earth. It was the prayers of my faithful wife and others. He said, "Now, go back and tell it as you have received it." Oh, brethren, let us pray and act quickly. Yours, under the blood, —G. E. Harmon

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1, 2. In this scripture is found the secret of victory in living for God. The failure of many people in attaining to the intended joy and blessing in their Christian profession is the lack of lifting up the eyes. It is much easier to behold things close at hand down on our level than to lift up one's eyes to higher things. We are largely affected and the extent of our heart-pursuits is gauged by what we are looking at. To obtain help from God we must lift up our eyes.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." What is meant by the term "hills"? It is a figurative word referring to something lifted up or exalted. In musing on this text the Lord inspired my heart with some precious thoughts. "Blessed be the Lord God . . . He hath raised up an horn of salvation for us." Luke 1:68, 69. Jesus has been "by the right hand of God exalted." Acts 2:33. It occurred richly to my heart that the "hills" here mentioned can well be applied to essential points of God's character elevated for us in the triumph of the Lord Jesus Christ. For example: Let us illustrate as one of these hills to be God's grace. It is necessary that we know what the grace of God is and what it can do for us. And truly, according to divine testimony, God's grace is surely a mighty hill for us to lift up our eyes to. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9:8. Think of this. See what we can receive by looking to the grace of God! So many feebly offer the excuse for their spiritual decline with "I just cannot live it." But if we with fervent desire could but lift up our eyes and behold what God's grace can do for us! "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." James 4:5, 6. The surface of this scripture makes its depth somewhat obscure, but it is very evident that the point sought to be revealed here is the triumphant

help that God's grace can afford to the humble soul over and above all adversity. This grace is brought to us and made available through the work of Christ as the Saviour. John 1:16, 17, "And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Here we see grace and truth contrasted with the law of Moses. What does grace and truth do in the soul of man that the law of itself could not do? Grace and truth affords the working power of God to make victory in holy living and pleasing God abundantly possible. The term "grace for grace" could be better interpreted "favor upon favor," that is, a never ending supply of grace. Let us lift up our eyes, and behold the promised extent of His grace.

Then I thought of another hill that we must get our eyes upon. That is God's wisdom. God's wisdom is elevated above the wisdom and the ways of men. God's wisdom can afford help for us to know how to face life's overwhelming problems. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5. Christ of God is "made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." The word "made" in the Greek means "to generate, or produce." Christ of God generates or produces these essential points of God's character and through the Holy Spirit applies them to our lives. Let us lift up our eyes and see God's wisdom.

Another hill is God's peace. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." Col. 3:15. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:6, 7. From the hill of God's peace comes help for the toils and conflicts of life. "Be still, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10. In the stillness of the night we have gathered from this hill of God's peace courage and consolation to renew the fight. Let us lift up our eyes and behold the peace of God.

We could name other hills such as God's strength, counsel, love, mercy, judgment, righteousness, truth, and many more. Let us view each one of these as essential elevated points of God's character that has been perpetuated in Christ Jesus for the help and shield of His people. Nestled in the midst of these everlasting hills is the dwelling place of the soul. "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever." Psalm 125:2. It is said that the country of Switzerland kept out of the conflict of war because of being surrounded by mountains that kept the enemy out. Oh, how true it is with the children of the Most High God being surrounded by these everlasting hills through which no power of Satan can pass! From the security of our habitation in Christ we view these hills, and find by looking to them grace, strength, and wisdom to live the more abundant life.

—Leslie Busbee

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EDITORIALS

With this September issue we extend hearty greetings to all our readers after a skip for the month of August which allowed some time for our volunteer co-workers to return to their homes or to attend campmeetings. However, during this interim summer period when there was not much printing activity in the back shop, the mailing department in the front office was busier than usual for this time of the year. Orders for gospel literature and subscriptions to the publications were received every day, and the literature was mailed out in a steady stream in all directions of the compass.

A large quantity of gospel tracts, papers and booklets were sent or taken to various campmeetings for free distribution. Remember that your free-will offerings helped to make this literature ministry possible. God said through His prophet Isaiah, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11. God's Word means life or death to the hearer according to his disposition of it—whether he receives it or rejects it. Hear and obey, and your soul shall live.

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General Ministers' Meeting Announced . . .

The ministers attending the profitable ministers' meeting last year announced another general ministers' meeting for this year to begin at 10 a. m., on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1971 at the chapel in Guthrie, Okla. The meeting will continue three days or as long as the Lord directs. The dormitories and dining hall will be available to the ministers. You may send your free-will offerings to meet the expenses of these facilities to the Oklahoma State treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, R. 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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In a very precious and unexpected manner the Lord opened the way for my sisters, Marie Miles and Frances Murphey, my wife and myself to drive in a company together to the Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting. Bro. Gene and Sister Dora Lela Beisly, our co-workers, graciously accepted the obligation to take care of the office work while we were away, and they did it in a very efficient manner, for which we are indeed grateful to them.

Leaving Guthrie on June 24, we drove in three days without any trouble to Jefferson, Ore. On the way we visited an hour or more with Bro. and Sister Ed McEndree at Lamar, Colo., and stayed overnight with Sister Ruby Marken, a former worker at this office, and her parents at Twin Falls, Idaho. We all agreed that our visits were too short, yet we were glad to see them again and certainly appreciated their hospitality. Of course, our sister Frances was especially anxious to see her two-week-old grandson, Rodney, as well as his sister Julie and their parents, Bro. Clifford and Sister Patsy (Murphey) Smith who live in Salem, Ore., about 15 miles from Jefferson.

The Oregon campmeeting was real profitable, and the fellowship with the saints in the Northwest was precious. Frances remained with her children in Salem, then returned home by plane soon after the meeting. Leaving Jefferson on July 2 we took Bro. Pat Huskey to his home in Orland, Calif. and stayed overnight with him and his kind wife. That evening we were in services with the saints in Orland and glad to see each one. The next day we drove to Fresno, Calif. where we had a good visit with my older brother, Andrew, and his family. On July 5 we arrived in Bakersfield, sang and prayed with Bro. Isaac Chandler who had been very ill for several months, leaving him encouraged in the Lord. (However, a few days later on July 11 the Lord called him Home.) The same day we visited the saints in and near the Church of God Sunset Guest Home at Pacoima, Calif. Then we drove on to Chino to the home of my sister, Mary Embly, and her husband where we enjoyed a visit with them and their married children who live nearby. In the short time we were in that area we managed also to visit Bro. Jim and Sister LaVern Manuel in Pomona, my wife's brother, Claude, and family at San Bernardino, her brother, Cecil, and his wife, at Colton, and my wife's sister, Wilma Anderson, and her husband in Lakewood.

On July 9 Bro. and Sister Byron Wittenborn of Anaheim took us in their car to the Ojos Negros, Mexico campmeeting, 125 miles south of the California border, which was our first time to visit one of our Mexico mission stations. Some of the roads were torturous, and one can well understand why vehicles cannot stand up under such conditions. Sisters Opal Kelly and Carrie Sheppard labor at this station, but Sister Carrie was in Louisiana at the time. We rejoice to know their labors are bearing fruit. Among those in attendance at the campmeeting held in the chapel was Sister Edith Cole and several from her congregation at Patzcuaro, Bro. James Huskey from La Mision, and five Mexican ministers—Bros. Tomas Mendoza, Miguel Gaspar, Juan Cruz, Raul Gonzales, and Irineo Rama. Though we could not understand the language, we could feel the anointing of the Spirit on the services as Sister Edith interpreted to us. The Mexican brethren seemed especially blessed in preaching the Word, and several souls were saved and baptized. My sister, Marie, preached a message with Sister Edith interpreting to the people. Now we know firsthand about the primitive conditions under which the missionaries labor to reach souls with the gospel light. Let us continue to pray for and support them in their consecrated efforts.

Bro. Tomas Mendoza at Valle Trinidad, Mexico is endeavoring this summer to finish the addition to his house to accommodate more people in the worship services of his growing congregation. He appreciates the substantial support which the saints have provided for his mission work.

We arrived home in Guthrie on July 15, thanking the Lord for a safe and profitable trip of more than 5,000 miles. Enroute home we stayed overnight

and enjoyed a visit with my younger brother, Frank, and his family in Phoenix, Arizona, and also visited saints and friends in Clovis, New Mexico which is near my birthplace on the old homestead.

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After much prayer and waiting upon the Lord, Bro. Leslie Busbee has resigned the pastorate at Springfield, Mo. He and Sister Sylvia, with their family, have moved to Kansas, waiting for further orders from the Lord. Their present address is: R. R. 1, Box 29B, Bartlett, Kansas 67332. Phone: 316-226-3389.

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A delayed report informs us of the passing of Bro. Roy L. Guest on May 12, 1970 at North Hollywood, Calif. at the advanced age of 93 years. He had been a reader of this paper for many years. May the Lord comfort and sustain his aged widow who is endeavoring to continue his literature ministry.

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Sister Nettie Perkins, a longtime reader of the F.&V. paper, was 91 years of age on August 1, 1971. She is not able to see well enough to read now and her daughter, Grace Gill, with whom she makes her home, reads the paper to her. Their address is: R. 2, Aberdeen, Miss. 39730.

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Bro. George Hammond of Illinois has had another application sent in to Washington for a visa to Nigeria, hoping to leave by Sept. 16. Let us agree in prayer with the Nigerian brethren who are earnestly praying for his speedy arrival to aid them in that needy mission field.

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Residents of the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla. who passed to their eternal home in July were Sister Ella Strech, aged 85, and Sister Minnie Noakes, aged 95.

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The 34th National Campmeeting of the Church of God at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., held July 23 to Aug. 1, 1971, was very profitable in the salvation of souls and the edification of the church. In many services, the tabernacle was filled to capacity and overflowed to benches on the outside. Many states were represented at this national gathering of God's people where love, unity and holy fellowship prevailed. New people came for their first time inquiring the way to Zion. The Holy Spirit was the program chairman and pulpit committee as in all the congregations of the saints. The conviction of the Holy Spirit accompanied the preaching of the Word and the altars were filled time and again with seekers for justification and sanctification. The Lord was present to save, sanctify and heal the sick. A number of converts were baptized. Many saints were privileged to observe the ordinances of the Lord's House—feet-washing and the Lord's Supper—as instituted by Jesus' example and command.

Missionaries attending the campmeeting from Mexico were Sisters Edith Cole, Opal Kelly, Carrie

Sheppard, Bro. and Sis. James Huskey and family, and Bro. Irineo Rama, most of whom have now returned to their mission stations. Following the campmeeting, Sister Opal Kelly helped us for two weeks here in the office, for which we are grateful. She will return to Mexico a little later.

The dates of the next National campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. were set for July 21 to 30, 1972 with Bro. Kenneth Probst as business manager.

The Guthrie congregation welcomes Bro. James and Sister Charlotte Huskey and their five children to our midst. Several years they have labored at the La Mision, Mexico mission station, but now they feel it advisable to have their family in a congregation in the States for a period of time, though they are still burdened for the Mexico field. Sister Charlotte and three of the children are already in their home near Guthrie. Bro. James and son Timothy recently went to Mexico in their van truck and will return soon with their personal effects. This month all the children will be in school at Guthrie.

Write for lists of tracts and books which we carry in stock. Other excellent out-of-print books will be reprinted as the Lord supplies the means and necessary printshop help.

Sister Louise Huff has been helping here in the office, especially since returning from the National campmeeting. Her help is appreciated. However, she will start attending highschool in Guthrie this month.

In July, Bro. and Sister Clifford Wilson and family moved from Guthrie to 536 S. Pine, Nowata, Okla. 74048. To say the least, we certainly miss them in many ways, and our loss is a gain to the congregation there where Bro. Clarence Fry is the pastor. Bro. Clifford will continue to write in the "Bible Lessons," and they are welcome to write in the other publications as well. May the Lord bless their labors for Him in their new field.

On Aug. 3 Sister Geneva Ray, a longtime worker here at the Lord's Printshop, and her son, John, and Julie Cook were involved in a serious auto-truck accident near Sikeston, Mo. It was a miracle from the hand of God that the three came out alive, as John's car was a total loss. All were rushed to the hospital in an unconscious or semi-conscious condition with numerous cuts and bruises. Sister Ray suffered a skull fracture and broken left arm, Julie had a broken left ankle and lost much blood from a cut on the back of her head, and John, the driver, had a bad cut on his head. The Lord undertook for each one in answer to many prayers, and they were released in a few days. Julie was flown to her home in Pomona, Calif., John went on to the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting, and Sister Ray was brought to her home in Guthrie, Okla. where she is improving by the blessing of the Lord. Continue to pray that each one will be completely

healed and that no ill effect will follow. Great is God's mercy to His trusting children. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

Those attending the Missouri State campmeeting at Myrtle, held Aug. 6 to 15, report a very profitable meeting with large attendance.

Word was received that Bro. Ben Yoder of Springfield, Mo. departed this life on Sunday, August 15. May the Lord comfort the family whose home address is 824 N. Hillcrest St. 65803.

On Sunday, Aug. 8, my wife and I attended the Boley, Okla. campmeeting. The Lord gave anointed messages throughout the day. As this paper goes to press, both the California State campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif. and the Dover, Okla. campmeeting will be in progress on Aug. 20 to 29, followed by the campmeeting at Fresno, Calif. on Sept. 10 to 19.

Oh precious souls, when the campmeeting season is over and you have spurned away the Spirit's pleading, you will have to say these tragic words, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sister Flora Hinzman, R. 2, Box 22, Orma, W. Va., whose son recently died in an auto accident. May the Lord comfort and sustain her in this time of sorrow.

Sister Joan McIntosh, and Bro. and Sister Gene Beisly have returned to the office work after attending the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting. Preparations are going forward to get this September paper on the press. Sis. Janice Allen will also return soon.

The Lord's Printshop is urgently in need of a consecrated, competent letterpress and offset pressman. Or, if a man not familiar with printing but who is really consecrated and burdened for this gospel literature ministry would come, he could be trained in the printing and press work. We solicit our readers to agree with us in prayer that God will call definitely the one or ones He wants to use in this capacity, and that they will respond promptly. Surely the Lord of the harvest wants the whole gospel to go to the whole world. Will you listen to the voice of God?

"The Plain of Ono"—Place of Compromise . . .

The Jews rebuilding the walls of the city of Jerusalem in the time of the Prophet Nehemiah after their captivity in Babylon is a type or shadow of the present building of the walls of spiritual Jerusalem. Now, as in those days, there are enemies to God's Church and His restoration work who are out to hinder and stop the work on the walls.

Of those enemies Nehemiah wrote: "Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of

Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand . . . Neh. 6:2-5.

True to the type, this is a clear picture of the present overtures and schemes of the "Sanballats" who are making every effort to stop the truth from going forth from Mount Zion. The various so-called Church of God groups are "the villages in the plain of Ono," but the true Church is the City of God high on Mount Zion above the low "plain of Ono" which is enveloped in the fogs of compromise, apostasy and false doctrine. Like Nehemiah, the saints are approached and invited by "Sanballat" to meet together in "one of the villages in the plain of Ono," but the purpose is, as Nehemiah discerned, "to do me mischief." Dear saints, the advice and counsel you will get in "the village in the plain of Ono" is to compromise the precious Bible truths that brought forth the "evening light" restoration just as they have already done ever since 1910-14. Instead of coming down to meet with "Sanballat" in the "plain of Ono," send a message in Nehemiah's words: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" The work of God's holy remnant is all-important. We must keep our hands to the plow. There is no time to look back or even consider a compromise on any point of the old-time Bible truth—no time to accept "new light" and revelations which many claim to have received after they had departed from the true "evening" light.

Sanballat of old was persistent and sent an invitation to Nehemiah four times, but Nehemiah's answer was the same: "I cannot come down." Sanballat was determined to stop the work on the walls, and the fifth time he sent an "open letter" which was blackmail to force Nehemiah to make concessions. However, Nehemiah denied the false charges, and prayed to God to strengthen his hands for the work on the wall. When the wall of Jerusalem was finished, Sanballat and Tobiah were "cast down in their own eyes," for "they perceived that this work was wrought of our God." Remember that the Lord will also vindicate His present-day remnant which is in the world but not of the world.

God's people are always ready to help every honest hungry soul who is inquiring for the "old paths" and the "good way," and will reach their "hands in fellowship to every blood-washed one," but such individuals cannot be brought to the full light if we go down to the "plain of Ono," participate in their services, and lend our influence to apostate movements. God's scattered sheep in the various groups who have never found their way to Mount Zion should hear the call from heaven, "Come out

of her, my people," and into the one fold under one Shepherd.

God's sheep in the "fogs of Ono" cannot properly and correctly represent the true church. That is not their native home, as expressed by D. S. Warner:

"Come my people from confusion,
This is not your native home.'
Yes, I heard, and to my vision
Zion's glory brightly shone;
Then I rose and fled the ruin,
Taking not a Babel stone."

Letters which come to our desk indicate that self-styled promoters of unity are endeavoring to produce a working fellowship among all they think are in the true church from among all the so-called Church of God groups, inferring that the Church is scattered among all of them. They denounce all groups as bad, terming it "groupism," and thinking that is the root cause of division. Surely, any religious group is bad if it is not the Church that Jesus built, but He built His Church and said that it was a city set on a hill that could not be hid. This teaching contradicts the fundamental attributes of the Church—its visibility and exclusiveness—as set forth in the New Testament. The very word "church" means a called-out assembly or "distinct body of Christians." The apostolic church was a separate and distinct group or company of believers. Peter and John knew where their church group was, for "they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them." Acts 4:23. Professors today who have lost their vision of the Church, or perhaps never had it, claim that the Church is invisible and scattered among all the religious bodies called churches. But such is not the true Church described in the New Testament. "Thank God for a church triumphant, all pure in this world below; for the kingdom that Jesus founded does triumph o'er every foe." Jesus is coming again to receive His holy remnant, a visible and distinct group, which is His glorious Church without spot or wrinkle. Will you be in that number when He comes?

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Thanks be unto God for helping Bro. and Sis. Leo Wilkins of Michigan who were in a bad auto accident near Granby, Mo. Read more about it in the "Prayer Request" column.

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Dark days are covering the world in every phase of life, and darker days are looming large on the horizon. The Apostle Paul forewarned that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:13. When we see all these things come to pass, we are commanded to "look up," for our final redemption draweth near. The outlook may be dark, but to the true child of God the "uplook" is bright with joyful anticipation.

While the Lord tarries, let us rush to the rescue and be "workers together" with the Lord in getting this good news of salvation to every creature and pay the debt that we owe.

—L. D. Pruitt

OBITUARIES

Elder Isaac Chandler, the youngest son of James and Ellen Chandler, was born April 20, 1912 in Fallis, Oklahoma, and departed this life on Sunday, July 11, 1971 in Bakersfield, California at the age of 59 years, 2 months and 22 days.

At the tender age of 6, exercising child-like faith, he sought the Lord and was wonderfully saved at Fallis, Oklahoma. He was saved under the ministry of Father George W. Winn, a pioneer minister of the Church of God. In his youth, he humbly and faithfully took the counsel of Father Winn, his pastor, and assisted him in his work and later succeeded him as pastor. As a child, Brother Chandler also faithfully and dutifully assisted his widowed mother in praying for the sick and ministering to the spiritual needs of the people of their community.

On February 18, 1933, he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Lillie Mae Norling in Bristow, Oklahoma. To this union 15 children were born, 9 sons, and 6 daughters. Four sons preceded him in death.

In 1937, he felt the call of God leading him to Bakersfield, California to oversee a small but growing congregation. He faithfully and dutifully served as pastor of the Bakersfield congregation for 33 years, and pastored the Los Angeles congregation for 25 years. As an evangelist, he established congregations in various states.

Many people were blessed by his preaching, teaching and counseling. His ministry began at the age of 16, although he was 20 when he publicly declared that he felt God had called him to preach. So for 43 years, this holy man of God carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to many people across the nation and throughout the State of California. Not only did he declare the Word of God from the pulpit, but he also answered the calls of the sick and the troubled and those in need of counsel and prayer. No night was too cold, nor distance too far, nor any problems too small for Bro. Chandler to answer the call.

Upon him, God had bestowed the special gift of healing. Thus, through his prayers, the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the dead were raised to life, and many other miracles were wrought in answer to the prayer of faith. God also endowed Bro. Chandler with the gifts of wisdom and of discernment.

His life here among us has been a blessing as much because of his example as because of his teachings. Even through his long illness, he set an example of courageous faith in God. So we can say with confidence that he fought a good fight, that he kept the faith and that he has gone to Glory to dwell with God and all of the faithful. Only eternity will reveal the good this man of God accomplished by his faithful life and devotion to God and service in the church, in the community and wherever he went.

He leaves a faithful and devoted wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Chandler; five sons, Dr. James P. Chandler of Boston, Mass., Arnold Lewis Chandler, Timothy Anthony Chandler of Davis, Calif., Will Nathan Chandler, and N a h a m Demitri Chandler of Bakersfield, Calif.; six daughters, Mrs. Juanita Florine Phillips, Mrs. Edith Ann Sellers of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Mildred Helen Thomas, Mrs. Rebekah Queen Ella Benjamin, Alice Penelope Chandler, and Clarissa Lillie Mae Chandler, all of Bakersfield, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Aires, and Miss Phebe M. Chandler, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Dennis F. Chandler, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 33 grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. E. J. Trotter, Bro. Francis Doolittle and Bro. Calvin Hobbs. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, to await the general resurrection.

Emma (Jackson) Jackson was born in Slaughter, Louisiana on Dec. 10, 1882, the daughter of Scott C. and Emma Arnett Jackson. Emma departed this life July 2, 1971, at the age of 88 years, 6 months and 22 days.

Emma Jackson married Harry S. Jackson on Sept. 26, 1901. To this union were born five children: Levi, Veva, Harry Jr., Ione and Lula. They were married 69 years and 10 months.

She leaves besides her husband and five children, 23 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. She is also survived by one brother, John Jackson, and two sisters, Elizabeth Brashear and Ivy Williamson.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. C. C. Carver, assisted by Bro. Herbert Probst. Graveside service was conducted by Bro. Ira D. Stover. Interment was at the Oak Grove Church of God Cemetery, Lorange, La.

Catherine Elizabeth Simpson, born September 6, 1896, departed this life July 9, 1971 at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 3 days.

She was married to Richard Simpson on Nov. 16, 1916 who preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1953.

She leaves one son, Thomas T. Simpson; two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Reffett, of Tuscon Ariz., and Mrs. Marie McIntosh of Hammond, La.; three grand children, Gilbert, Paul, and Angela Simpson. She also leaves a devoted niece, Mrs. Harvey Husser, and a host of relatives and friends.

Sister Simpson was ordained a minister of the Church of God on Sept. 11, 1938, having been converted and having accepted the truth a few years earlier. She had great faith, and was used of God to bring many souls to Him. Her last testimony was that she had peace with God, and expressed a desire to go on and be with the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Max Williamson. Scripture texts used were Job 14:14; 19:25; 1 Cor. 15:19, 20; John 14:19 and Matt. 22:32.

—M. F. Williamson

Charles Hensel Olson was born May 18, 1906 at Springwater, Iowa and passed from this life to be with the Lord on June 13, 1971 at the age of 65 years and 26 days at Jefferson, Oregon.

In 1927 he was united in marriage to Margaret English at Vancouver, Washington and to this union four children were born.

Bro. Olson's personal testimony was that God so abundantly blessed him with health and temporal blessings that he came to realize how greatly he needed God's eternal blessings in his life. In 1950 he yielded his heart to our great Savior and in 1951 he was led of the Lord to meet and worship with the children of God at Jefferson, Oregon. As Bro. Olson became established in the truth, he felt the call to the ministry, especially that of a personal worker in the highways and hedges, endeavoring to help others understand this glorious gospel and encouraging many isolated saints.

He is survived by his wife, Sis. Margaret Olson, two sons and two daughters: Charles H. Olson Jr., Hillsboro, Oregon; Bill J. Olson, Milwaukie, Oregon; Elnora Hamilton, Eugene, Oregon; Margaret Stover, Tulsa, Oklahoma; thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Albany, Oregon by Bro. O. B. Wilson and Bro. Charles Elwell. Bro. Olson will be sadly missed by his family, friends and the saints.
—Charles Elwell

Meeting Notice

FALL REVIVAL AT MOUND CITY, MO.

Bro. James F. Broker, pastor at Mound City, Mo., writes that they hope to have a fall revival meeting there, starting on Sunday, Sept. 5 and continuing through Sept. 12, or as long as the Lord wills. The Benton Chapel is located about six miles south of Mound City on Route BB. They would appreciate the presence and assistance of the saints to make this meeting profitable for the kingdom of God. They are looking to the Lord to supply Holy Spirit-filled ministers, singers and helpers. Pray that God will lay it upon the hearts of some to come. Several places are provided for folks to stay.

For further information, write to Bro. J. F. Broker, P. O. Box 28, Mound City, Mo. 64470.

Campmeeting Reports

REPORT OF HOLLY HILL, S. C. CAMPMEETING

Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour: I am happy to say I am still pressing on and still in the service of the Master. I pray that all will be well with my soul when He returns.

We are writing to report on the wonderful campmeeting we had here in Holly Hill, S. C. on June 4 to 13. Several different ministers gave us the true Word of our Lord. Several people were saved and the saints were encouraged to press on. Pray for the ones who have started out to serve the Lord that they might go all the way with Him. Continue to pray for the saints here that they will also stay close to the Lord.

We appreciate everyone that attended the meeting. They are welcome to come back whenever the Lord leads them. We also appreciate the financial help that was given to the cause of the campmeeting.

Remember us in prayer, Bro. Hudson Crummie

REPORT OF OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO CAMPMEETING

Dear Ones: Greetings in the one and only name whereby we can be saved—Jesus.

I would like to share with all some of the blessings of the Lord to us here in Ojos Negros, Mexico. About three months prior to the campmeeting, one lady and her two daughters were gloriously saved. We began to have Bible study with them, the Lord giving us opportunity to teach about the ordinances. They readily accepted foot-washing along with the rest. These three and I had a precious service (Sis. Carrie Sheppard was on vacation) after the teaching was completed. In two services prior to the campmeeting, in La Huerta (the Indian reservation) and Ojos Negros, twenty hands had gone up in answer to the question, "How many feel that someday you desire to be saved?" The following Sunday, seven were saved in one service in Ojos Negros. This spurred me on. I sought the Lord about having a campmeeting there and got a definite witness that He would bless, and He surely did.

He richly blessed us with meat from His Word throughout the meeting which was held on July 8 to 14. He dealt with hearts and several found their way to the altar. Some were saved, sanctified, and seven were baptized, two from Patzcuaro, and five from Ojos Negros.

On Monday afternoon, (July 12) fifteen brothers and seventeen sisters took part in the ordinances of foot-washing, and the Lord's Supper. The Lord led us to close the campmeeting in six days.

He made it possible for us to have a ramada (brush arbor) constructed, to use for a dining hall and kitchen, and a large wood-burning stove on which to cook the beans and tortillas, the meat and other good foods, besides the regular Mexican fare.

We are always happy to welcome those from the states who have a burden for the Mexican work. Bro. and Sis. Byron Wittenborn have returned to this field, and were in part of the meeting. Bro. and Sis. J. V. Randles of San Diego were there for a service, and Sis. Marie Miles, Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Maybelle Pruitt all got to be with us for about two days. Bro. Irineo Rama from Michoacan, west of Mexico City, reported that the Lord is delivering him from his persecutions for preaching the gospel in that area.

Space will not allow us to tell of many large and small blessings in and through all, but we are grateful for each one.

May the Lord richly bless each one who had any part in helping to make the campmeeting possible. We thank you for your prayers and want you to keep holding up in prayer all the workers, and especially those souls who are saved. We are so happy to have some sisters and brothers in Christ in our little mission station.

Yours for souls,

—Sis. Opal Kelly

Foreign Field Reports

LETTER FROM NIGERIAN PASTOR

Midwest Nigeria (Aug. 6)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the holy name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 19, 1971 and its enclosures with many thanks.

We are not idle, but doing the Lord's work with all sincerity, and daily watching unto prayer. Our faith in Christ will remain unchanged to the end . . . The church here is not after quantity, but quality.

We are praying for the success of Bro. Hammond in obtaining his visa to enable him to come to us.

Yours in Him,

—Titus U. E. Enu

REPORT FROM NIGERIAN MISSIONS

Southeast State, Nigeria (Aug. 9)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, co-workers in the Printshop and others: We send you greetings in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who saved us and cleansed us with His sacred blood. We got your good letter of July 19 and the remittance . . . We thank you immensely for the kindness and pray God would bless you more. We pray with you for the publishing work's growth and continuation . . .

We note that Bro. George Hammond's application for a visa to Nigeria is not well considered. We are seeking a way to help him obtain the visa . . .

We purchased 70 Efik Bibles with the fund specified last month for that purpose, and they have been distributed to the members very much in need. Yet we have

many others who need Bibles. Let's hope God . . . will continue to supply.

The gospel work is very much on the go, and during our revival meeting at Ikot Ebak on July 30, we had two converts . . . We were invited by each of them to visit their homes and burn their former idols. They explained that they were brought to repentance as a result of the circulation of the tract in Efik language entitled, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" Mail us more English tracts in boxes.

We are praying for you and the progress of the work there. Please do likewise for us.

Yours in the Lord Jesus, —Pastor B. E. Udoka

(Bro. B. E. Udoka has taken the oversight of the Nigerian mission work since the passing of the late Bro. B. U. Etuk. The field secretary is Bro. Nse B. Umanah. —Editor).

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Aug. 4)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt, co-workers and Saints: Warm greetings again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Eph. 1:3)

Thank you very much for your good letter dated July 19, 1971 and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude. We continue to pray for the profitable progress of all the campmeetings going on there.

Our Niranam convention starts tomorrow. We determine to go as a group to Niranam tomorrow with the public address system, tracts, etc. in a hired car or taxi. At Niranam, we will have the baptism of a few believers followed by feet-washing and the Lord's supper. May God bring a good gathering from the neighboring places to hear the Word and to look to Calvary for salvation.

We pray for all the faithful workers in the print shop and in the office. My earnest and fervent prayers are still for your complete healing. A small portion of the money you sent shall be utilized to cover a part of the expenses for Niranam convention. Yes, more Bibles shall be purchased to distribute among poor believers at different places.

Your younger brother in Christ, —John Varghese

Prayer Requests

Ore.—"For over three weeks I have been going through a fight of afflictions. I have that sciatic nerve trouble . . . Earnestly remember me." —Emma Busch

S. Dak.—"The dreadful itching and sores on my body from head to foot continue and the cancer grows larger daily, it seems. Yet the dear Lord gives me some rest at night . . . Please remember me in prayer."

—Sis. Olive McFarling

Okla.—"I am not well in body . . . please pray for my healing." —Iva Lebow

Ind.—"I am still suffering with my head. The Lord gives me relief at times . . . I have other afflictions."

—Sis. Strebig

N. Carolina—"Pray for Mrs. E. Mooney's healing . . . I have sinus, bronchial and stomach trouble. My wife has sick headaches and other troubles." —H. L. Lemmons

Wash.—"I am asking God's children to pray for me. I am still so sore in body." —Sis. Carrie Westrope

Mo.—"I have several afflictions." —Harry Long

Calif.—Remember Bro. Jim Manuel in prayer. We are thankful that he has given his heart to the Lord. He suffers much, but is trusting the Lord to undertake, so pray for him. Pray that Sis. La Verne will be able to hold up also.

Okla.—Still remember Sis. Lillian Meek and Sis. Minnie White in prayer.

Ky.—Bro. Curtis Williams is still looking to the Lord for the healing of his lungs. He needs encouragement, so write him a line. The enemy is always right there to paint dark pictures, but his decision is strong to trust the Lord. He is not able to work and they have a family to be cared for.

Pa.—"Husband is not well." —Mrs. W. Wright

Md.—"Pray for the healing of my body . . . I believe the Lord can and will heal our bodies."

—Mrs. Myrtle Warner

We still want to pray for Sister Leo Wilkins of Kalamazoo, Mich. as she is still very sore from the accident that she and her husband had near Granby, Mo. on their way to the National camp meeting. She had a broken arm and a broken finger, also cuts and bruises. Bro. Wilkins had some cuts and broken ribs. They were picked up and taken to a hospital, but Sis. Wilkins refused medication, etc. The Lord graciously blessed her. She also was taking pneumonia, but refused their medicine, and God healed her. They were brought to the camp grounds and later went home by plane.

We should live in an attitude of prayer at all times. As we go about our work and when our mind can be brought away from duty, we should breathe a prayer to the Lord for our needs and other's needs and then end with a praise unto the Lord. Many times the Lord has answered prayer for me in just this manner. When something arises suddenly I breathe a prayer to the Lord.

Dear ones, God does hear and answer. There are so many in need and so much to pray for. We want to remember the dear ones in Mexico who have recently been saved. We were glad to be in the campmeeting there for some services and hear about those who have been truly born again. We thank God for the native ministers there and the vision they have of the Holy Spirit leadership in their working for God. They need our prayers. God truly has a church in Mexico. Pray for the missionaries also.

—Sis. A. Marie Miles

From The Mail Box . . .

Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: The Lord impressed me to write this concerning our late pastor, Bro. I. C. Chandler. He was not just an ordinary man, as some would think. He was a man of God. He was a husband. He was a father. He was not only a father to his own family, but also a father to the children of God. Many looked to him for counsel, advice, and comfort. He was a man that could mix with the young people, middle aged, and older ones. No matter what your age was, or your problem was, he could help you. He was our pastor for 8½ years, and we learned a lot from his teaching. . . .

Bro. Chandler was a man full of the Holy Ghost, full of wisdom, full of compassion for his fellowman, and most of all, full of love and more love. He was loved by many. Some who only knew his name loved him.

He was a man of much faith and he was faithful unto the end, even as the Apostle wrote, that he had fought a good fight, had finished his course, and kept the faith. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

We, the children of God, have suffered a great loss, but it is heaven's gain.

We would like also to mention his faithful wife, Sis. Lillie Mae Chandler, who stood by his side in many, many battles, and through his illness. —Sis. Loraine Lucas

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Kansas—Dear Folks at the Publishing House: I surely do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. I think my subscription must be almost out. I do not want to miss a copy. Enclosed is \$1.00. Keep up the good work, and may God richly bless you all.

Sincerely, —Mrs. V. E. Riggs

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Illinois—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear Saints: This leaves me better in body, for which I thank God. He is so good to us and supplies our every need.

I really enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, for in this day and time there isn't much truth being taught.

Please remember us in prayer. I have an unspoken request, and pray for my Dad that he will use his arm again. I know God is able.

Your Sister, —Mildred Snell

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Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and Saints at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in our dear Saviour's name. We thank Him for salvation, and His love and mercy to the children of God. We rejoice for the goodness and mercy He bestowed on us.

We were privileged to have Sister Bea Spaur in our home over this past week-end [in July]. We had such a good visit and fellowship together. We also visited in several homes and had good fellowship in each.

We surely did enjoy you folks at the Jefferson, Ore. campmeeting. . . . We hope the Lord has supplied your need for help at the office.

I am sending in a small order. Use remainder of money as you see fit.

Christian love, —Sister D. T. Thomas

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus, our Captain and Leader.

We have been thinking about you, and the co-workers there at the shop. We do earnestly pray for the Lord to bless each one individually, both soul and body, and that He will by His grace and divine intervention, keep the good work going on, and that He will bless you personally and physically with a real definite touch of healing power, and an uplifted hope and spirit to press on until He says it is enough.

As I went to get my tablet to write you, this verse of song, and the chorus, began to roll over in my mind:

"In the morning of grace, when the sun first arose, and the gospel divine, put to flight all its foes, the nations rejoiced, but forsook it so soon, for the Sun in his strength was darkened at noon. Light breaks at last! Hallelujah to God! Darkness is past, let us shout it aloud. From the mountains and hills, let us gather the few who will stand for the right and dare to be true."

It does appear that there are only a few people who will be gathered out of the multitudes in these evil days, but each and every one that is gathered in will be precious

in God's sight, and I know that He will richly reward the faithful laborers that go forth in His name to sow the precious seed. We can see that darkness is covering the earth, and gross darkness the people, but still, thank God, there is a stream of heavenly light that shines from the cross of Calvary that will lighten every soul that will humbly bow and surrender to its mandates. There is a little time left, and Jesus is still saying to sin-burdened souls, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." The promise is true.

The time is short, and we know that we will soon be at the end of the journey. We want to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Pray for us, as we do for you, and may the good Lord bless, comfort, and keep you to the end is our sincere prayer.

Enclosed is a little offering in His name.

—Ulysses Phillips

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W. Va.—Edwin's full name in the book, "The Poor-house Waif," is Edwin H. Flyte. He was still living in 1944, but I do not know just what year he died. I think it was shortly after 1944. I met him in about 1930. He was in his late 80's at that time. He prayed in service. He really talked to God.

His early life was spent in the Poor House in Norristown, Pa. They were kind to him, but not able to give the attention that a child needs. They had all ages in there and more than they were able to care for as they should. I never saw any pictures of Bro. Flyte, but he was a medium-sized man, clean and neat. The church people of Allentown were kind to him.

I think it is good to know the history of the persons that the books are written about. I would like to know the people of the book, "The Man of His Counsel." I enjoy that book and all these splendid books.

Pray for me. —Sister Flora Hinzman

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Calif.—Dear Brother Lawrence, Sister Maybelle and the family of workers with you: Our fervent and heartfelt greetings to each of you in Jesus' precious name, and trusting all are well and "looking up" in these perilous times.

I was very pleased to read that Bro. Hammond feels a call to answer the plea of those dear souls in Nigeria and is going to minister to and among them. I can so well remember when I was so definitely called to go to the Fiji Islands and many of my dear friends, brothers, and sisters asked, "Who is going with you?" I pondered this serious question many days in prayer. One day on my knees before my Bible in Bro. and Sis. Howard's home in Anthony, Kansas, I opened to the Scripture in Exodus where God told Moses: "My presence shall go with thee." What a thrilling comfort and relief, and it was more than fulfilled! I know Bro. Hammond is conscious of this promise. . . .

May God richly sustain and bless you. We feel that in these difficult and perilous times a double portion of God's Spirit is upon you and will see you successfully through.

Our Christian love, —Robert and Lois Longley

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie, Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, trusting this will find you dear ones well and happy in the service of the Master, and still encouraged to work and

labor to get the truth out through the printed page. We trust the Lord will bless your labors and that precious honest hearts will be gleaned out and come the Bible way. We feel that the Lord will search and glean out every honest soul. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled," and "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Bro. Lawrence, we trust the Lord has completely healed you of your affliction. The Lord so wonderfully healed me of a growth on my neck. I just kept looking to the Lord to heal it and believed it would dry up and come off, and it did. He also has healed me of a diabetic condition, and I surely give Him all the glory. Praise His name!

Bro. Dallas Flynn fell during our campmeeting, but he is getting better and able to walk with a walker. Bro. and Sis. Pinkerton are both very frail in body. Sam is very frail. He has been having trouble with his back and leg, and his sense of direction is worse. So much of the time he doesn't know where he is, so pray for him and all the others. . . .

Enclosed please find offering for the Lord's Print Shop wherever it is most needed. We like to have part in helping spread the pure gospel.

In Christian love, —Audrey Baumgartner

I Want To Go Home

I'm a pilgrim in this land;
For the Lord I've taken my stand,
And from all sinful bondage I'm free—
Now no more in sin I roam,
I have started for a Home
Christ has gone to build for me.

Chorus:

I want to go home, I want to go home;
The Lord will call us one by one,
When our work on earth is done.
I want to go home, I want to go home;
Do not detain me, do not refrain me;
I want to go home, I want to go home.

Now a light shines on my way,
Leading to a perfect day,
To that home where there's joy and liberty;
To that home where all is bright,
Where there never comes the night—
Blessed home, fair sweet home for me.

This old house I'm living in
Will soon fail, and oh, what then?
To that land of sweet rest my soul shall fly;
Blessed thought, O wondrous grace,
I shall see my Saviour's face
In that home where we shall never die.

This old shack is growing old;
It can't hold my longing soul;
With my Lord I then shall ever be;
In that home beyond the sea,
Free from pain and misery,
Praising God through all eternity.
—Ella V. Phillips

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Ark.—Dear Saints: I love the Lord today with all my heart. I want to love and please Him better. I truly thank the Lord for His dealings with me, for His loving kindness and long suffering toward me. He has healed my ear. I don't know if it was a boil or what, but thank the dear Lord, He healed it. He was so precious to me during those eight weeks of suffering, off and on, with my ear. I have learned some profitable things through this trial. I still think God's way is best and so glad we can have victory through Jesus. Thanks so much for your prayers.

Christian love, —Nellie Henderson

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Okla.—Dear Sister Miles, greetings in Jesus' name: I am saved to sin no more, and I am glad the Lord saved me from my sins. I don't have any desire to do anything wrong.

A son came to live with me. He is sick and needs salvation. Please pray for him, and pray for me to grow stronger in the Lord.

Here is a little offering. May the Lord bless your work.

In Christian love, —Lizzie Randles

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Fla.—Dear Sister Marie and co-workers: Greetings of much love in the name of Jesus, the one who loved us so much that He bore our sins on the cruel cross to save and sanctify us. I am glad He lifted me out of sin, established my going, and made a new creature out of me.

I want to thank all the saints for their prayers for us here in Florida. The Lord is blessing, yet we feel that more could be done for the Lord here. I am praying that the Lord will put in the mind of some of the more experienced saints and ministers to come this way. If so, please feel free to come. We need your help here and at Goulds. We're only a young group of saints just recently come to the truth of the "evening light." We know the fields are ripe to harvest and the laborers are few, yet I have gone to places where there were quite a few ministers in one congregation. I'm thinking of the day of Pentecost, how the disciples were commanded to wait for the infilling of the Holy Ghost, after which they were scattered abroad spreading the gospel light wherever men were found.

Oh, yes, we need another Holy Ghost awakening. It seems as though some have fallen asleep, while others are striving to do the will of God. Are we partial, or is there only a few people in a few special places that we want saved? Surely some of us are not following the leadings of the Lord. . . .

We need the prayers of the righteous, as we are yet laboring in the street meetings on Saturday evenings in hope that some more lost souls will turn to God and be saved. We do appreciate the Lord saving one soul here. Please be agreed in prayer that the Lord will give him complete deliverance from all the little things. . . .

May the Lord bless each of you there as you give your service in getting the truth of God's Word throughout the land, is my prayer.

Yours in Christian love, —Sis. Mattie B. Savage
212 F West Dixie Court, Ft. Lauderdale Fla., 33311

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the Saints: Greetings in Jesus dear name. I am glad to say, that I am saved, sanctified, and living for the Lord to all that I know. I am glad we are serving a just God, who does all things

well. Sometimes we don't understand but we can say that God knows what is best.

At this time, we have just lost our pastor, Bro. Isaac Chandler. He was a dear and loveable pastor. We will miss him very much in many ways.

I am thankful I have learned, through the grace of God, how to get hold of God, myself. The Lord saved me in Tulsa, Okla. when I was 17 years of age. That's where the Lord gave me His true foundation to stand on. Since then, I have had many things to come against me to throw me off that foundation, but when I humbled myself unto the Lord, He always brought me through. If I would write all of the things the Lord has done for me, it would take several books.

I am much encouraged. Please pray for me. I mean to live for the Lord and make heaven my home at any cost. I know that is what it will take.

Your Sister in Christ, —Geneva K. Norling

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send you greetings of love in the name of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

This letter leaves us all well and happy in the Lord and His service. We trust this letter finds you well and happy in the Lord also. There is nothing more satisfying than doing God's will. When God's approval is upon our lives we have that peace that passeth all understanding. Thank the Lord!

We thought it was time again to write you a short letter and thank you for the "Faith and Victory" paper you send us each month. We enjoy it very much, and it seems like God sends testimonies and certain articles our way through the paper at just the right time, so we enjoy reading it.

We are sending you some of the Lord's money to be used as the Lord directs you. . . .

Remember us and God's people everywhere in prayer that each and everyone may be a shining light in the place where God has placed him. May the Lord bless you there that the truth may go forth to a lost world. We are fast moving toward the end. May the Lord help us to be true to Him.

We had a new addition to the family about 7 months ago. The latest makes us 7 children now. The Lord blesses us with health and means to take care of them. When you think of us mention us to the Lord.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sis. Milford Parsons

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love: I thank my personal Saviour for salvation, for His love and care, for holding my hand through the sorrow that's beginning to fade. Thanks also for the prayers from His dear ones in our behalf.

I was working around the potted plants and flowers. . . . With a little love, patience, water and fertilizer, the evidence of new life begins to unfold the beauty of God's handiwork. How thrilling that we are privileged to have a part in this miracle of life.

Spiritually speaking, we should also have "green thumbs." The field is the world; the seed we sow is the gospel; and our joy comes in seeing the implanted Word grow and bring forth fruit to the glory of God. Sowing the seed involves cooperation. We all have our own place of service in the Lord's great vineyard. It may be preaching, singing, praying, or handing out tracts. But whatever the task may be, as each does his part, he can say with Paul, "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God giveth the increase." For, as the Apostle pointed out, "Neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that

watereth, but God that giveth the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6, 7. Thus recognizing our place in the "garden of the Lord," and faithfully serving Him there, we can all be "green-thumb" Christians! . . .

Mama (Sister Annie McKinney), our daughter Betty, her son Tom, and the baby Melody, were down for five generation pictures. Having Mama and Betty here at the same time for prayer, and reading the Word were very precious to me. We could feel the presence of the Lord.

Thanks, Marie, for the tracts to hand out. Enclosed find check. Please send half to Brother in Mexico.

—Sister Lucille Allen

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Okla.—Dear Ones: I can hear the birds singing, and see them flying from bough to housetop, then down to the good earth for food. The Lord is so good to us.

He also clothes His children with salvation and causes them to walk in this way. Just as He feeds the birds, He also feeds us with food convenient (sufficient) for us to sustain our physical body, also feeds us daily spiritually. Praise His wonderful name! He is so good to us.

I am thinking of the words of the poet who wrote, "Jesus Has Been So Good To Me." He is good to me. Hag. 2:19, "From this day will I bless you." Deut. 23:14, "The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thee to deliver thee." John 6:43, "Murmur not among yourselves." Song: "Wait Meekly and Murmur Not." 2 Peter 3:18, "To Him be glory both now and forever."

—Vera M. Hawkins

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This finds us still saved and encouraged to live for the Lord. We know that there is nothing in this world for us to turn back to.

I want to thank the Lord for His blessings to us. Some time ago, I was eating supper and got a fish bone stuck in my throat. It caused me quite a bit of pain and discomfort, but I went on to prayer meeting anyway, and had the saints to pray for me. I don't know what happened to that bone, but when I awoke the next morning it was gone! Praise the Lord! He is good to us.

It is the desire of my heart to live for Him the rest of my life.

The Lord also healed an affliction on my finger that had been there for quite some time. All thanks and praise go to Him, as He is our healer, and not man.

Remember us in prayer. We have been praying for you.

Yours in the Lord, —Doyle LaCroix and family

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Mo.—Dear Saints: We do thank and praise our God for healing our baby, also thank all the dear saints for their prayers and concern for us and baby Don, through this heavy trial. We would like to tell, to the glory of God, a little of our experience in hopes it will encourage others to trust the Lord.

Our baby, Don, was born April 7, 1971. He seemed to be healthy, and gained weight first two weeks. Then he started vomiting up his milk. Changing his formula didn't seem to help. He lost weight and his eliminations became less and less. At 4 weeks old we took him to the doctor to see if he could give us a better formula. Baby Don had already lost a pound and a half. The doctor examined him and took several x-rays. They found the walls of the tube leading from the stomach had thickened so only a trickle of food could pass. They wanted to admit him to the hospital right then, build him up with intravenous feeding and operate. An operation was the

only answer and we were told that without it, the baby had a very slim chance. But we told him we believed God was going to heal our baby and we wanted to trust Him. The doctor was nice and said it was our baby and our choice. We took the baby home with a real determination to trust God to the end. We had already called the saints for prayer and had him anointed. Our baby was slowly starving to death, losing weight. So we called several places again for prayer and asked the saints at Guthrie to send an anointed cloth. But the baby seemed to grow worse. At 5 weeks old, he went into a hard convulsion and we thought he was going for sure. He had 3 or 4 that day and at the last one, he lost consciousness. There were several of the saints here praying. We started feeding him a few drops at a time with an eye dropper. He stayed in a coma for about a week, having convulsions every little bit. From that time until the baby was 2½ months old, he would seem to gain a little strength and take the bottle, then go into a coma again. It looked as if he would take his last breath anytime.

All this time, my husband and I were praying and fasting as much as our bodies could take and doing a lot of soul searching. The Lord, the Bible, God's promises, and the saints, all, became dearer to us through all this. The things of this world seemed as nothing to us. We both made a deeper consecration to God and drew closer to Him. We had the baby fully committed into God's hands. As one brother told us, we must learn to trust God not only for His power but also for His wisdom. Others encouraged us to keep looking up and not become discouraged by the circumstances. It wasn't easy to do, but God helped and taught us many lessons. The 21st of June, God performed the operation that was needed after a simple prayer of faith was prayed and he has been improving ever since. God seemed to let us know He would answer in His own time and we must learn to wait on Him.

Baby Don was 2½ months old and weighed 5 lbs. and at 4 months he weighed 8½ lbs. He is still gaining on this date, August 19.

Dear ones, don't be afraid to trust God for your children. He will not fail you. Learn to trust His wisdom along with His power. Yes, God healed our baby. For some reason He may not heal yours, but God knows the future and He does all things well.

In Christian love, —Jim and Esther Hightower

A Comparison

Recently, an article in the GRIT newspaper tells about the doctors trying to correct the same trouble that baby Don had. The clipping said, "Jimmy's first operation came when he was nine days old. Doctors tried to correct a blockage between his stomach and small intestine. Complications set in . . . small intestines were removed. He underwent 50 operations . . . His first birthday was spent in the hospital. Now he has normal weight, at the low end of the scale, on his second birthday."

I say it is a privilege to trust God for our healing.

THE LITTLE FOXES

It ain't the trees that block the trail;
It ain't the ash or pine.
For if you fall or if you fail,
It was some pesky vine
That tripped you up, that threw you down,
That caught you unawares;
The big things you can walk around,
But watch the way for snares.

Husband's Rule

God said to Eve in Genesis 3:16, "And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall **RULE** over thee." This decree was after Adam and Eve had eaten of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, and this was part of Eve's punishment.

My thought is, How was he to **RULE** over her? With an iron hand? As one who deserved to be punished, and one who was to be held in such a chain of bondage as to make the sweet bond of marriage a despicable thing to her? I say, Nay.

Let us see if there is any solution to our problem, because we see on every hand and hear from the pulpit how women are to be submissive to their husbands, obey, love, and honor them, and I agree fully; but this still does not tell us how the husband should rule over his wife.

I see, especially among the saints, a need that not only should the wife know how to conduct herself toward her husband and before her children, but also how he, too, should rule over her and them.

I feel many fear that if it isn't a more or less under the law system of "Thou Shalt" and "Thou Shalt Not" obey me attitude, they are not men and rulers of their homes. Let us start with 1 Cor. 11:3, where it says, "But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God." Also read Eph. 5:23-25, 28-33, as we will be commenting on these later. Now, I believe we can begin to see the plan God had in mind for us, and what kind of **RULE** He was talking about.

Let us consider the Head of man—Christ. Oh, when I think of how He wooed me, how He desired me to be married to Him (spiritually speaking) and went to such great lengths to purchase me, I'm made to feel such a deep love and devotion to Him! Oh, how precious that He would lay down His life for me, that He kept seeking me, showing me His great love until I accepted Him and owned Him as my one and only, the Lover of my soul! And did He not do this for all of us? Yes, for all He does the same. Since I have been His, I have never felt neglected. Have you? I have never felt I was in bondage to a "thou-shalt-not-and-thou-shalt" rule. But, oh, He has loved me and cherished me, dealt so kindly with me, and so sweetly led me and showed me how to obey Him thus far, until I love Him so deeply it just passes all words and phrases. How can I express something so precious, for even the Scriptures speak of it in Phil. 4:7. I have never felt that I was a bondwoman. I have always been free. It is up to me to obey or not, as I desire, but the secret is, the dear Lord makes being His possession so precious that I want with all my heart to obey. I am so thankful to be a possession of the Lord's. Whenever I am in trouble, I can run to Him for help, consolation, love, peace and solutions to all my problems—a present help for all my needs. His rebukes are even tendered with love. He tenderly and lovingly shows me my error and comforts my heart when I humble and acknowledge my shortcomings; and, oh, how I desire more and work harder to please Him! When I am discouraged, He has a way to encourage me. When I'm sick, He is there to comfort and heal. Oh, what a precious husband He is to His bride! In Eph. 5:23-33 Bro. Paul said, "This is a great mystery."

Now, let us consider the allegory concerning Christ, the husband of the church, as Head; and the husband of a wife as ruler. Did you not woo your wife with every loving and enticing way you possessed to win her for your own? Maybe you took her gifts, and took her

places that you thought would be pleasing to her. Did you not in every way you could try to make her see you loved her above all others? That you were willing to make supreme sacrifices for her? Was not your heart hurt when you thought she might not choose you?

Well, dear husbands, what has happened? Just because she said she would love, honor, and obey you, did that change your love and attitude toward her, or should it not have made it grow deeper and fuller? If she loved you enough to choose you, and if you loved her enough to work to win her, should all this stop and take a turn-about after the wedding vows are said? Oh, dear ones, no! That love you both had should just now begin to reach a fulfillment and be enriched. That wife needs your love, compassion, and tenderness as the years go by, more than ever. She needs to be reassured that you still love her, that in your eyes she is still the "fairest of them all." I'm not talking about outward beauty, but of the inward attractiveness that won your heart.

I see some change so much, and it is a "thou-shalt-and-thou-shalt-not" attitude and rule until the poor wife is in such bondage that she longs to escape. How sad! I have heard some say they would never marry again because they wanted to be free. Oh, dear husbands, this is so sad! God created such a lovely union to be enjoyed and revered on this earth—a union that would also help show in the natural home the blessed Church of God. Then we wonder why some of our children are so disrespectful. I know that when I, as a wife, dishonor my head, how can my children respect him, or me, for that matter? But on the other hand, if the husband does not show respect toward the wife, it works the same condition in our children's hearts. Our children only manifest what they have been brought up under. A husband that has held his wife in bondage will see his daughter refuse to be obedient to her husband many times. She thinks, I will not be under bondage and ruled as my mother has been. When you see a wife that will not submit and be obedient to the husband, but wants to rule over him and the children, many times you will see that son a hard man to live with, because he's not going to be "hen-pecked like Dad."

Eph. 5:28, 29 reads that a man should love his wife as his own body, that no man has yet hated himself. This is so true. Verse 31 says they twain shall be one flesh. Have you ever known a person to hate, himself and put himself in bondage? Oh, no, even those that take their own lives are doing so in hope they will end their suffering. Therefore should we not be careful how we demand the wife to be subject to us? We are one flesh and it is sad when there is such a strife between two because of a one-way rule. Oh, can you husbands not do as Christ and be so loving, tender, and kind that it will just make her desire more and more to please you?

This "obey" rule should be so tempered with love as to make it unnecessary ever to be mentioned. But I have heard husbands say to the wife, "The Bible says you are to obey me." True, but remember it says more than that. As Christ won our respect, love, and desire to be obedient to Him, so should the husband work to obtain the same of his wife. How can you really honor, love, and respect someone who has never done anything to earn it? You must work to earn these things.

Now I know this sounds as though I am speaking of unsaved couples or someone with an unsaved companion, but dear ones, I am speaking of some who profess to be saints, and I believe, are. But we need our pure minds stirred up sometimes. In fact, only saved people are really able to learn how to live together in real harmony

and sweetness. Only God is able to help us sometimes to be submissive to each other, to bear and forbear, to understand and be compassionate toward each other and overlook shortcomings. But what a beautiful life is portrayed when all are submissive to God and these virtues abound in the home! The devil is busy to destroy all of God's plans, and how busy he is in the home!

Some of you may see this "Women's Liberation" movement abounding, and out of fear that the devil has planted in your heart you will "draw the reins" on your wife a little tighter, so to speak. Let us not be so deceived. If you have always treated your wife as you would your own body, she will not be swayed by these so-called liberated women. If your life together has always been one of love and harmony, it will only deepen as you grow older.

Let us take inventory and see if we have been the husband we would want our wife to be if things could be reversed.

When a wife, after the decease of her husband, says they had such a wonderful life together that she would not want another husband, I can agree with that, and thank God for it. But another, because of such bondage is made afraid and reluctant to try and maybe fulfill a purpose God would have in mind, and this is a sad thing.

Please, dear husbands, I have not written to condemn or hurt, but in hope that it might shed some light and make your home brighter.

As I stated at the beginning, how Christ had so tenderly cared for me since I became His through saving grace and His dear shed blood, and how it had made Him more precious to me as the years have passed, so the same rule, if obeyed and practiced, will produce the same results in a home. That wife will become dearer and more precious, more as one with you, and the fruits of that devotion will shine forth. That husband will stand head and shoulders above all others, in the eyes of that wife, and the love, honor, and respect she will show will bear much fruit. Oh, how precious is a home where the devil is defeated and all are free. The children will always think of that father and mother as examples for their home.

Oh, let us be humble before God and look to Him to help us understand this with a deeper depth than I have been able to write. 1 Peter 3:7 tells us, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." We surely don't want our prayers to be hindered. We need all the power we can find today in our prayer life. We can't afford an interference of any kind. May God bless and help us in my prayer.

—Lavern Moles

Music and the Law

In 1760 the Earl of Roths said to his friend, the Marchese of Montrose, "Let me write the ballads of a nation, and I care not who writes its laws." Now after 211 years we realize that fact to be true. Look what the long-haired "Beetles" brought to our nation from overseas. The young people went wild over them. Now look at the trend and the results. The words to the songs that are chanted over and over today stir up feelings against our God and His Word. They are bringing rebellion against the laws of our land.

But, thank God, there are some sweet songs that were written by holy men and women that bring the soul of mankind closer to God and sweet peace. How often, when singing the songs of God, the soul is lifted up and the enemy of one's soul has to take its flight. Singing the songs that are God-given will inspire noble, peaceful, worthy, and eternal thoughts and feelings. Good music rests, refreshes, revitalizes body and soul, but most of the music heard on the radio or the "rock and roll" type will do the opposite. It will pull down and degrade. It hypnotizes and is habit-forming. It incites hysteria, revelry, dissipation and destruction.

—M. Miles

The New Testament Ministry

Eph. 4:11-14, "And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God; unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

There were two classes of ministers—traveling and local. The traveling ministers were classed as apostles and evangelists, while the local ministers were classed as pastors, and teachers. Prophets were found among the traveling and local ministers. They were all brethren. No one was higher than the other, but perfectly equal. "Neither lords over God's heritage." The term elder—bishop—presbyters applies in Scripture to both the traveling and local ministry, or all ministers used interchangeably (meaning overseers).

The qualifications of Bible elders or bishops are found in the following Scriptures: Titus 1:5-11, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless [faultless, guiltless, unblemished] the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop [used interchangeably] must be blameless as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake." (Also read 1 Tim. 3:2-7.)

"And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed."

Acts 14:23. They must be men and women of sound judgment and wisdom, and fully anointed by divine power, made overseers by the Holy Ghost. Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood." Not to be lords over God's heritage, but ensamples to the flock.

The first twelve ministers chosen by Jesus Christ were called apostles. Apostle means planter. Webster defines apostle as one who first plants the Christian faith. The apostles were the first propagators of the kingdom to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Judas, one of the twelve, by transgression fell, and Matthias was chosen to take his place. The apostles were men that had been with Jesus and were eye-witnesses of His personal work, ministry, and resurrection. They were especially endowed with various gifts of the Spirit, which qualified them to enter new fields of labor, plant the truth, establish such assemblies in faith, truth, holiness, and instruct them in the different gifts.

Paul and Barnabas were apostles. They were the first planters of the truth to the Gentile nations. Others are mentioned in the New Testament.

The preachers as special prophets were in the early church, and God has them in His church today. Their work was foretelling future events. Also, by special gift of prophecy they were able to unravel deep mysteries of prophecy and revelations, and give knowledge. Agabus was a prophet of the New Testament. He signified by the Spirit that there would be a dearth throughout the whole land which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. He also foretold what would happen to the Apostle Paul at Jerusalem.

Evangelists were traveling ministers. Their work was usually to labor among churches in different places already established, to edify the body, and labor to get souls saved. Some times they went into new fields, and planted churches. Philip was called the evangelist.

Pastors were the local ministers. Their work was feeding the church, ministering unto them the Word of life, protecting from false teachers, and caring for them as a shepherd doth his sheep.

Teachers were those of faith, good judgment and wisdom, able to teach and instruct in the ways of salvation. Whether apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, or teachers, it is all the working of the ministry.

—Olive Keene

The home I am building for my soul today will be its home tomorrow and forever. My soul needs a little more spacious home today than that which it occupied yesterday. It longs to soar up a little higher, to go down a little deeper. The home of yesterday is too narrow for today. It seeks for a clearer vision of heaven and it longs for greater nearness to God.

—C. E. Orr